

Our ref: 554475 & 601845
Your ref: A47 Bascule Bridge

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Dear Resident,

A47 Works – Bascule Bridge

Highways England is undertaking necessary improvement works on the A47 to replace one of the motors that helps lift Bascule bridge and a footway plate.

These road improvements are necessary to maintain the strategic road network along the A47. This will add benefits such as a longer lifespan of the bridge and an improved journey for our customers.

The work is planned to start on **Monday 28 October 2019** and is programmed to take approximately **4 weeks**. Our working times will be between the hours of **8pm** and **6am** each night including **weekends**. Should there be a requirement to significantly re-programme the work, a further notification will be issued.

Traffic restrictions

In order to minimise the impact on local communities and road users, we will only be diverting traffic onto local roads when absolutely necessary. Where we do need to close the A47 and divert traffic, we closely consult with the local authority to agree the most appropriate route and timings.

The following closure will be in place between **8pm** and **6am** each night including **weekends**.

- **Closure of the A47 Bascule bridge from Monday 28 October to Sunday 24 November (Diagram A & B)**

Please note that no closures will be in place for the night of **Saturday 9 November**.

Please note that these works are subject to weather conditions and dates may change, notices onsite will provide the most up to date information.

We have included the diversion map for this closure at the end of this letter.

Access and disruption

Access for emergency vehicles will be allowed at all times.

A bus service will be also be provided free of charge for any pedestrians or cyclists wanting to cross Bascule bridge.

Due to the nature of the works being carried out noise and light disturbance is unavoidable. We will however attempt to keep this to a minimum. Please accept our apologies in advance of any inconvenience that is caused whilst work is in progress.

Safety

Your safety is important to us, as is the safety of our operatives working on site. We would be grateful if you could observe signs and restrictions in place as any unauthorised access to the site creates a serious risk to safety of everyone involved.

How you can contact us

If you have any queries about our work, or want to know more, please contact us on 0300 123 5000 or via email at info@highwaysengland.co.uk

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during our work.

Yours sincerely



Darrel Holt

Diagram A – Local Diversion

To continue northbound, take the diversion via A12, B1531, A1117, A1144 and A47.

To continue southbound, follow the above diversion in reverse.

We expect this diversion to approximately an additional 15 minutes to the usual journey. Please take this into consideration when planning your journey. Please take this into consideration when planning your journey.

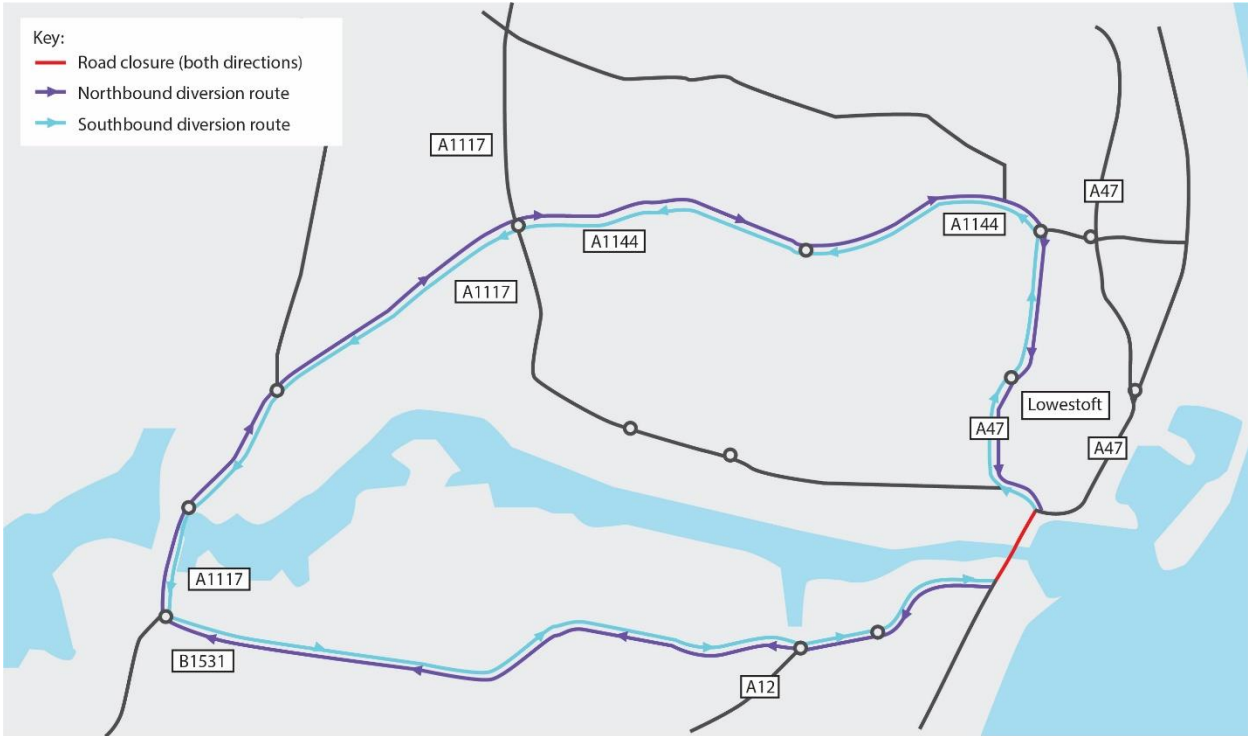


Diagram B – A12 / A47 Diversion

To continue northbound from A12 / A1117 junction take the diversion via A1117 before joining the A47 at the A1117 / A47 junction.

To continue southbound, follow the above diversion in reverse.

We expect this diversion to take around the same amount of time as it would using the A12 and A47 route.

